



Climate Change Update

Update to the Joint Water
and Climate Policy Board

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Staff Update

- Climate Vulnerability Assessment contract with Jones Edmunds and Associates should begin in October. Grant funding may offset some costs.
- Heather Langford, Sustainability Manager is now the CCAC liaison for the County.
- County greenhouse gas inventory is expected to start in September, with ICLEI consulting.
- City greenhouse gas inventory completed by ICLEI and final report to be delivered soon.



Citizen Climate Advisory Committee

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In Progress

- Cross-jurisdictional inventory of current climate-related initiatives
 - Qualitative climate exposure analysis
 - Survey to city, county, and GRU staff re: current projects/programs/policies that address those exposures
- Community outreach and engagement
 - Climate communications framing training (research-based best practices)
 - Communications plan

Barriers

- ◉ Structural silo-ization: lack of communication, coordination, and collaboration across jurisdictions and between departments
- ◉ Lack of single point-of-contact
- ◉ Lack of GRU participation
 - ◉ Unproductive response to CCAC inquiries re: renewable energy opportunities & planning for net zero 2045 goal
 - ◉ Tone and content
 - ◉ Poor attendance at CCAC meetings

Requests

1. Explore bringing in a dedicated project manager to coordinate joint climate-related initiatives
 - Addresses challenges of silo-ization and lack of coordination
 - Requirements:
 - Knowledge of local/regional climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience planning
 - Connections to City, County, and GRU staff
 - Authority to work across jurisdictions (skin in the game from all jurisdictions)
2. Guidance on how to proceed wrt GRU
 - Cannot meet 2045 net-zero goal without them
 - Either revise goal, or bring GRU collaboratively to the table